

Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – February 3, 2022

The meeting came to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectboard members Robert Christie, S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Conservation Commission Chair Larissa Thomas.

Agenda – No changes were proposed to the agenda. There was no addendum.

Minutes – January 20, 2022 – Nate moved to approve the minutes. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 18 – The board signed the warrant in the amount of \$163,033.78. Stu noted about \$136,000 was for school expenditures, and premium pay was included on the warrant.

Cash & Budget Report – Stu reported cash flow has picked up as the 2nd half of property taxes is due this month.

Checking Account Reconciliation - Board members signed the statement expressing satisfaction with their review of the checking account reconciliation that had been emailed on February 1st.

Automatic Foreclosures – Stu reported one more lien was paid earlier today. He said one of the property owners with whom the town has a lien wishes for the town to foreclose and then to enter an installment agreement for all back taxes. Nathan asked when foreclosure day is. Stu said it's the date of the next meeting, February 17, 2022.

ARPA - Premium Pay – Stu reported the premium pay from the ARPA funds was distributed in the last payroll and there are several grateful firefighters. He said he would photocopy the signed expenditure warrant and payroll pages and submit that to the County Administrator for the matching funds.

ARPA – Broadband – Stu reported he's still waiting for the upgraded contract from Spectrum in order to submit that to Mission Broadband for possible county government funding. Until then, it's hurry up & wait. He reported that he received an e-mail from the County Administrator who'd received an inquiry from someone in Hancock inquiring about the shared area with Lamoine.

ARPA – Fire Water Project – Stu said the board had not discussed much about the water tank/pump project for the fire station. He said he would recommend that the board authorize the fire department to proceed to hire an engineer to design the system. Gary moved to do so. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Town Report – Stu reported the final piece of the town report is in. He said the audit is not included as it won't be ready until late February, hopefully in time for town meeting. Nathan moved to send the town report to the printer. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Citizen of the Year – The board reviewed a resolve and proposed plaque for the Citizen of the Year. A typo in the resolve was fixed. No other changes were proposed.

Candidates' Night – Kathleen reported that the Grange is sponsoring the night and it will be held at the Lamoine School Gym on March 2, 2022 at 6PM. She said one school committee candidate was unable to attend, but hoped to attend by Zoom if possible.

Other – Kathleen noted that the Boston Post Cane holder, Betty Adams has passed away. Stu reported that Jay Sutter is now the oldest resident, and when the cane is returned to the town, the board can present it to Mr. Sutter.

Bob said a newly installed street light across from the western entrance at the Lamoine School is blinding drivers approaching from the east. Stu said he had called Versant after the light was installed a few months ago after getting a complaint about it shining in the window of a neighbor. He said he could call again.

Stu noted the skating event that had been planned for Saturday is canceled due to a storm expected tomorrow and snow covering the ice.

Next Meetings – The Selectboard will meet next on February 17th, and March 3. Election Day is March 8th, the open town meeting is March 16th, and the organizational meeting for the Selectboard is March 17th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard